

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6 with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/222,062, filed Aug. 16, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,637,050 and a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/229,533, filed Aug. 28, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,675,406.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 5, line 16 and ending on page 6, line 17 with the following:

FIG. 3 shows a protrusion, or radial flange 52 formed on the upper end of pipe 34 and has a center opening or port 54. The pipe 34 includes a first end 104 and a second end 106 wherein the radial flange 52 is positioned therebetween. Thus, the pipe 34 possesses a non-continuous outer surface that is defined by the outer diameter of the pipe 34 and the surfaces of the radial flange 52. Water can flow through center opening 54 into drain pipe 34. Sleeve 56 extends longitudinally outwardly from the perimeter of opening 54 forming a surface on its inner diameter.

A hollow cylindrical fitting 58 has a hollow cylindrical shoulder 60 on its inner end, a threaded outer surface 62, and a closure member, such as a thin plastic diaphragm 64, sealed across its outer end. The shoulder 60 has an outer diameter that can be manually frictionally inserted within the surface of the inner diameter of sleeve 56 creating sufficient frictional force to resist opposing force applied by fluid pressure.

A pliable sealing ring or washer 66 has a center bore 67 which can frictionally receive the exterior surface of fitting 58 to engage the radial flange 52 of port 54 to seal the connection between sleeve 56 and shoulder 60. The longitudinal thickness of washer 66 is less than the longitudinal thickness of fitting 58 so that some of the threaded surface 62 adjacent the diaphragm 64 is exposed when the washer 66 is mounted on fitting 58 in the position described above. A fastening member, such as a nut element 68, has a threaded center bore 70 which is compatible with the threaded outer surface 62 of fitting 58. When nut element 68 is tightened on threaded portion 62, the washer 66 is

in tight engagement with flange 52 of port 54. The outer periphery 72 of nut element 68 has a series of radially extending protrusions, or lugs 74 which frictionally detachably engage the inner surface of flange 76 of cap 78. Nut element can be tightened on washer 66 either as positioned within cap 78, or before cap 78 and the nut element 68 are engaged. A notch 80 is located in flange 76 and is adapted to receive overflow water from tub 18 when required to do so. Notch 80 is normally in a 6 o'clock position on flange 76.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 with the following:

A thin diaphragm 80A is sealed to the second, outer end 70A of the end portion 66A. The diaphragm 80A is a circular membrane and has a diameter that is not less than the diameter of the outer end 70A of the overflow pipe 62A, which also includes a first end 108A with the flange 74A positioned therebetween. In one embodiment, a closure member, such as the diaphragm 80A, is integral with the outer end 70A and is held to the outer end 70A only through having been integrally formed therewith. The diaphragm 80A may be hermetically sealed to the outer end 70A. The diaphragm 80A may be composed of plastic material, flexible rubber, or the like. The diaphragm 80A is composed of a material that is easily punctured or easily removable.